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G.I. JOE
A REAL AMERICAN HERO
McGUIRE AIR FORCE BASE, NEW JERSEY...
!SQUAWK! HERE YOU ARE, JOES! DELIVERED RIGHT TO YOUR DOORSTEP--COURTESY OF YOUR FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD TACTICAL AIR SUPPORT!
TO FAIL IS TO CONQUER... TO SUCCEED IS TO DIE!
(ANCIENT AFGHAN PROVERB)
S'LONG, JOCKS! SEE Y'ALL NEXT TIME AROUND!
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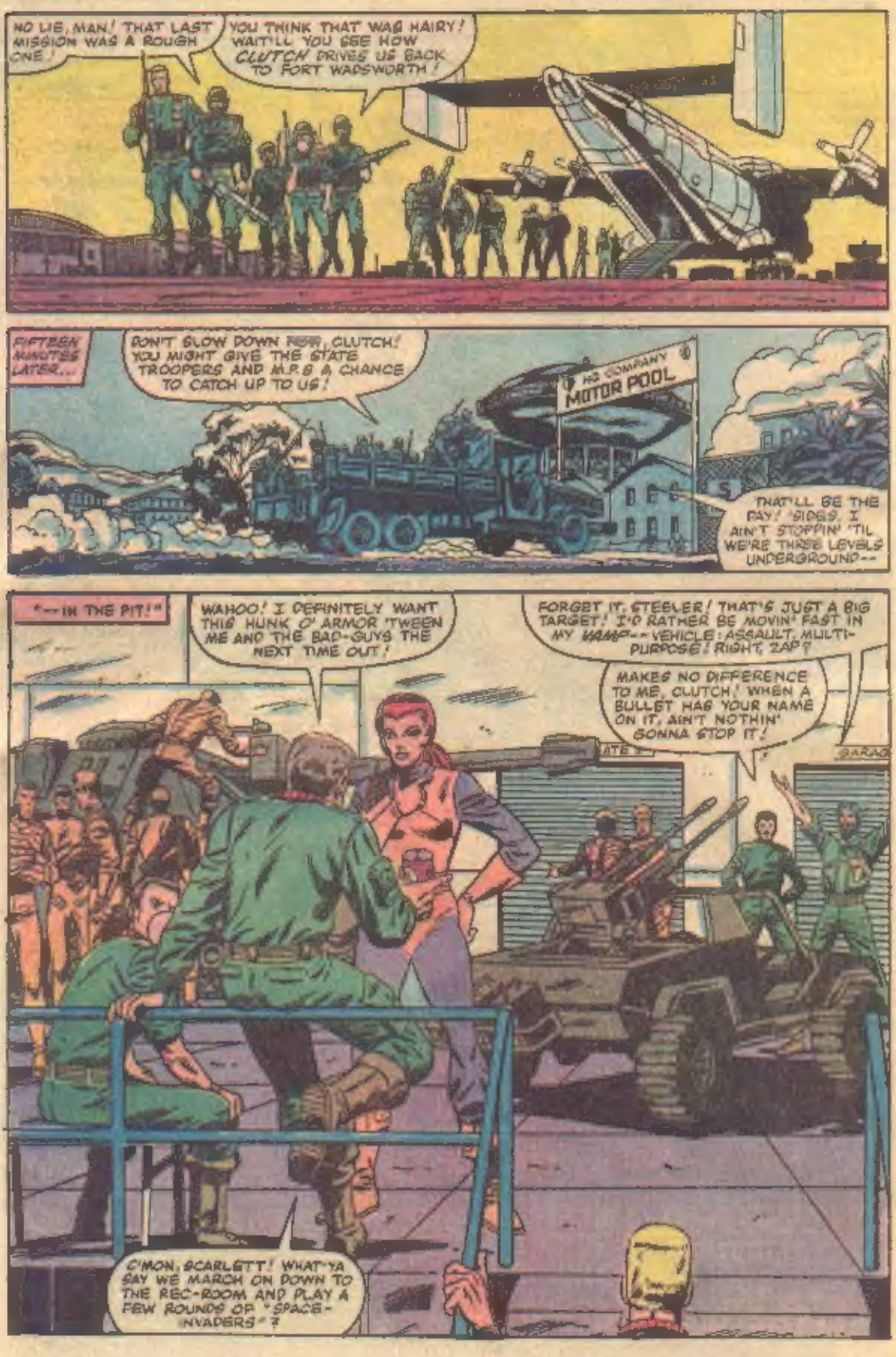
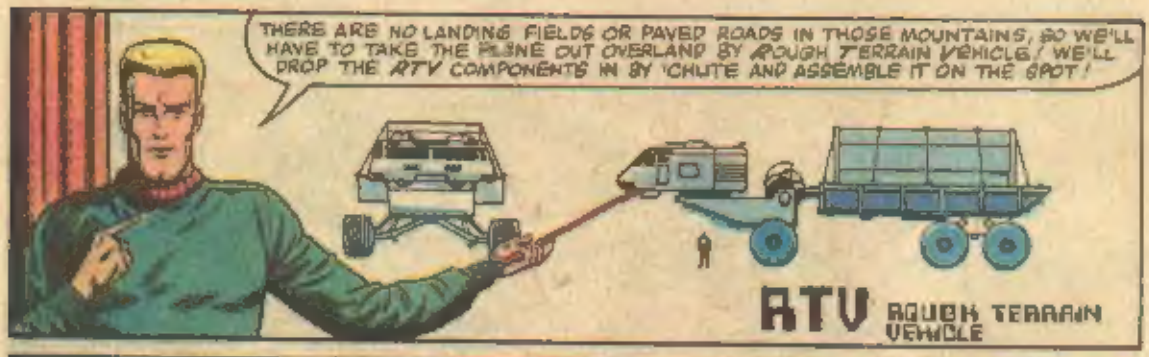
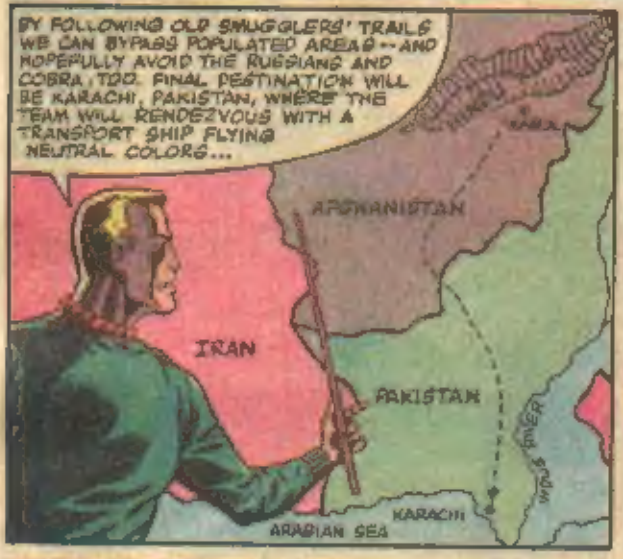

NO LIE, MAN! THAT LAST MISSION WAS A ROUGH ONE!
YOU THINK THAT WAS HAIRY! WAIT'LL YOU SEE HOW CLUTCH DRIVES US BACK TO FORT WADSWORTH!
FIFTEEN MINUTES LATER...
DON'T SLOW DOWN NOW, CLUTCH! YOU MIGHT GIVE THE STATE TROOPERS AND M.P.'S A CHANCE TO CATCH UP TO US!
HQ COMPANY MOTOR POOL
THAT'LL BE THE DAY! 'SIDES, I AIN'T STOPPIN' 'TIL WE'RE THREE LEVELS UNDERGROUND--
"--IN THE PIT!"
WAHOO! I DEFINITELY WANT THIS HUNK O' ARMOR 'TWEEN ME AND THE BAD-GUYS THE NEXT TIME OUT!
FORGET IT, STEELER! THAT'S JUST A BIG TARGET! I'D RATHER BE MOVIN' FAST IN MY VAMP--VEHICLE: ASSAULT, MULTI-PURPOSE! RIGHT, ZAP?
MAKES NO DIFFERENCE TO ME, CLUTCH! WHEN A BULLET HAS YOUR NAME ON IT, AIN'T NOTHIN' GONNA STOP IT!
C'MON, SCARLETT! WHAT'YA SAY WE MARCH ON DOWN TO THE REC-ROOM AND PLAY A FEW ROUNDS OF "SPACE-INVADERS"?

I WOULDN'T GET TOO COMFORTABLE, GANG!
UH-OH! HAWK'S GOT THAT "I GOT A MISSION" LOOK ALL OVER HIS FACE!
I GUESS THAT'S WHY I'M SUCH A LOUSY POKER PLAYER!
STALKER'S RIGHT! WE'VE GOT ANOTHER MISSION!
DAG! I MUST BE GETTIN' PSYCHOTIC!
YOU MEAN PSYCHIC!
THAT TOO!
I JUST RECEIVED THE WORD FROM GENERAL FLAGG! HE WANTS THIS MISSION TO BE ON A STRICT "ALL VOLUNTEER" BASIS!
HASN'T THE GENERAL HEARD? THIS IS AN "ALL VOLUNTEER ARMY"!
HEY! CAN I TAKE MY TANK THIS TIME?
ARE THERE ANY BEACHES WHERE WE'RE GOIN'?
WE COULD USE SOME FUN IN THE SUN!
STOW THE QUESTIONS FOR NOW! I'LL EXPLAIN THE WHOLE GAME PLAN IN FIVE MINUTES--

"...IN THE BRIEFING ROOM!"
...TWO DAYS AGO, A TOP-SECRET RUSSIAN SPYCRAFT CRASHLANDED IN THE HINDU KUSH MOUNTAIN RANGE OF AFGHANISTAN! THE PLANE AND PILOT ARE NOW IN THE HANDS OF AFGHANI REBEL HILL TRIBESMEN...
WE'VE KNOWN FOR SOME TIME THAT THE RUSSIANS ARE TESTING ALL SORTS OF NEW HARDWARE IN AFGHANISTAN! SEEMS THEY WERE USING THIS PROTOTYPE ANTI-GRAVITY DEVICE TO FERRET OUT REBEL BASES! THE REBELS HAVE IT NOW, AND THEY'RE WILLING TO LET US CART IT AWAY--
--IF THE PRICE IS RIGHT!
WE'VE GOT A CIA LIAISON TEAM THERE RIGHT NOW, GETTING THE PLANE READY TO GO-- BUT THE RUSSIANS ARE CLOSING IN FAST-- AND WE HAVE REASON TO BELIEVE THAT COBRA COMMAND, THE WORLDWIDE TERRORIST ORGANIZATION, IS IN ON THE HUNT TO BOOT!
OUR JOB IS TO BEAT BOTH IVAN AND COBRA TO THE PUNCH!
IRAN
CHINA
SOUNDS LIKE A STACKED DECK TO ME...

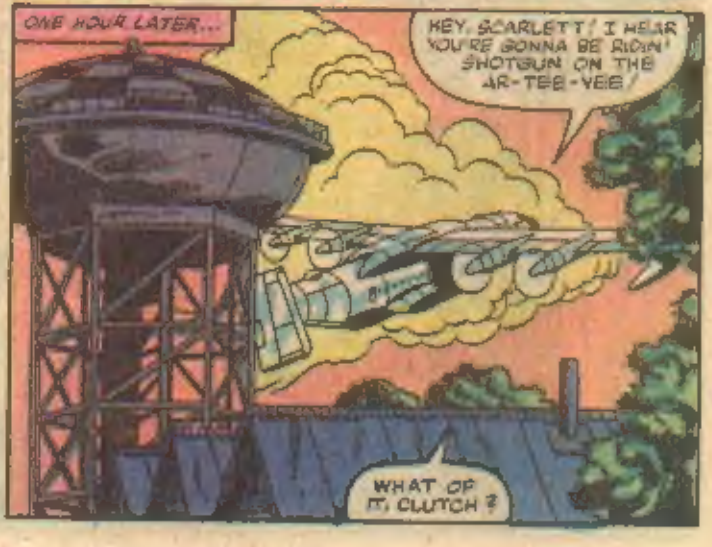

THERE ARE NO LANDING FIELDS OR PAVED ROADS IN THOSE MOUNTAINS, SO WE'LL HAVE TO TAKE THE PLANE OUT OVERLAND BY ROUGH TERRAIN VEHICLE! WE'LL DROP THE ATV COMPONENTS IN BY 'CHUTE AND ASSEMBLE IT ON THE SPOT!
ATV ROUGH TERRAIN VEHICLE

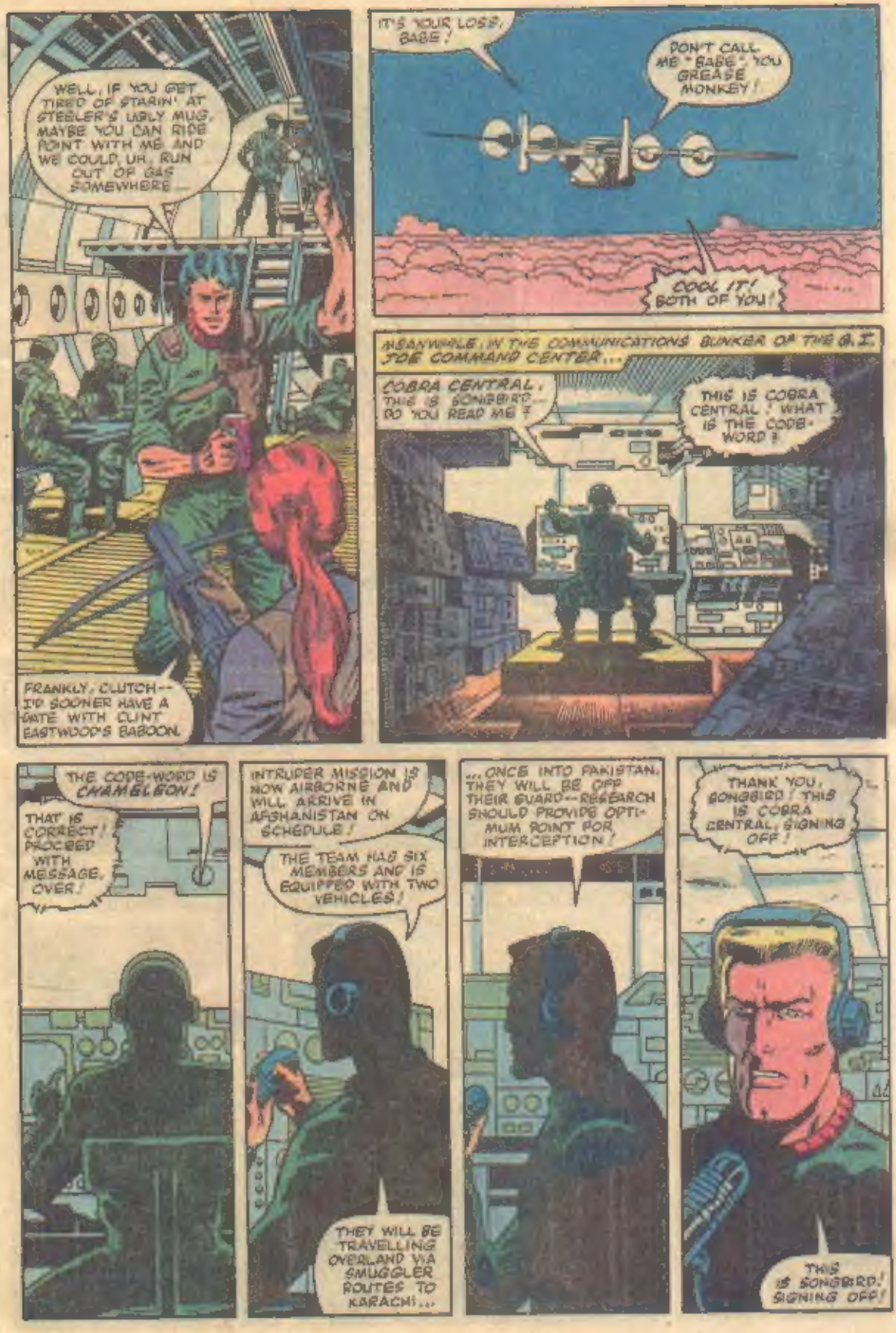

BY FOLLOWING OLD SMUGGLERS' TRAILS WE CAN BYPASS POPULATED AREAS -- AND HOPEFULLY AVOID THE RUSSIANS AND COBRA, TOO. FINAL DESTINATION WILL BE KARACHI, PAKISTAN, WHERE THE TEAM WILL RENDEZVOUS WITH A TRANSPORT SHIP FLYING NEUTRAL COLORS...
AFGHANISTAN
IRAN
PAKISTAN
INDUS RIVER
KARACHI
ARABIAN SEA

I NEED SIX VOLUNTEERS.

I FIGURED AS MUCH...

THAT'S WHY I TOOK THE LIBERTY OF PRE-CHOOSING THE MISSION MEMBERS! STEELER DRIVES THE AR-TEE-VEE! CLUTCH WILL RIDE POINT IN THE VAMP JEEP! YOU'VE GOT AN HOUR TO COLLECT YOUR GEAR AND GET OUT ON THE FLIGHT LINE!
STALKER
SCARLETT
CLUTCH
STEELER
GRAND SLAM
BREAKER

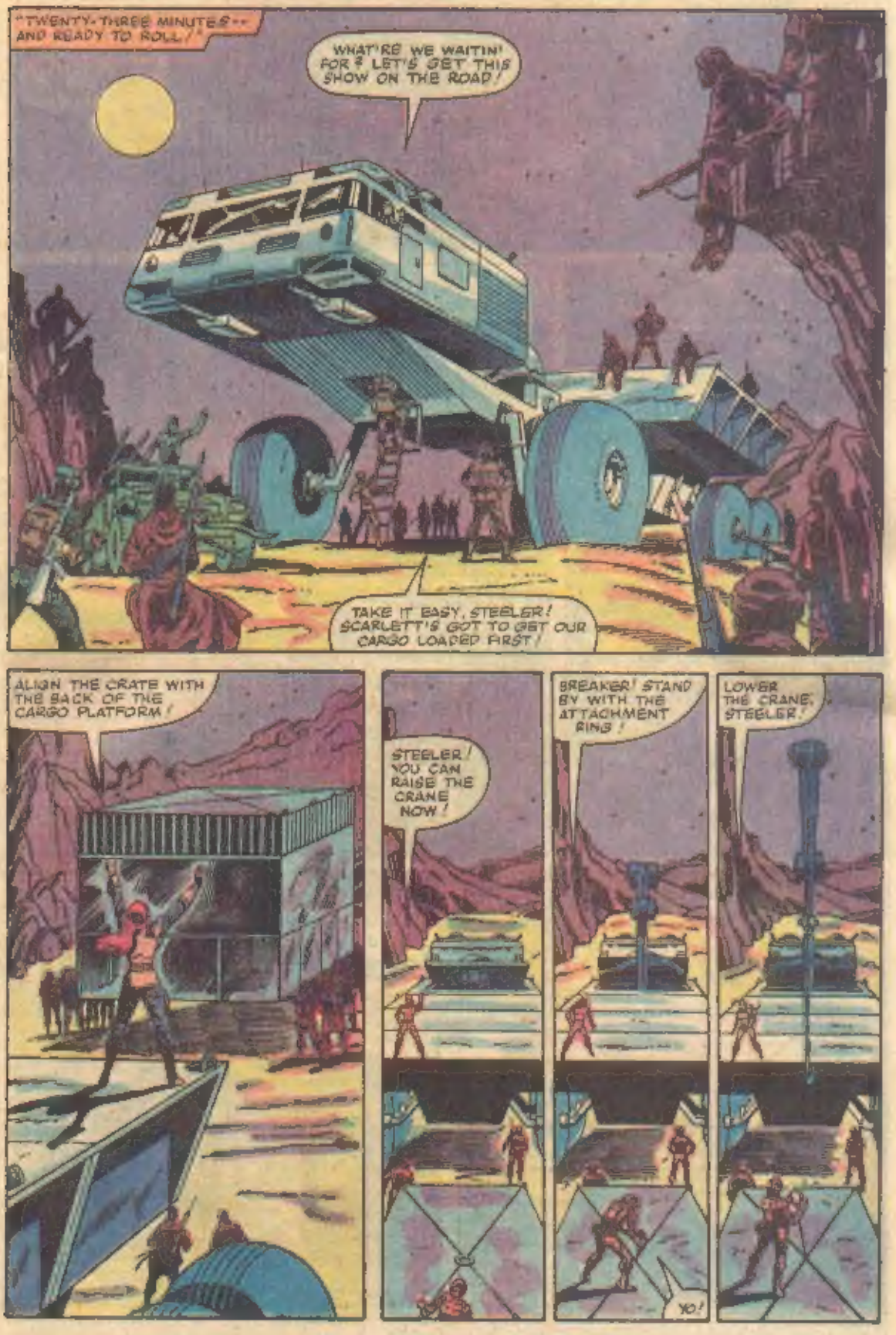

ONE HOUR LATER...
HEY, SCARLETT! I HEAR YOU'RE GONNA BE RIDIN' SHOTGUN ON THE AR-TEE-VEE!
WHAT OF IT, CLUTCH?


WELL, IF YOU GET TIRED OF STARIN' AT STEELER'S UGLY MUG, MAYBE YOU CAN RIDE POINT WITH ME AND WE COULD, UH, RUN OUT OF GAS SOMEWHERE...
FRANKLY, CLUTCH-- I'D SOONER HAVE A DATE WITH CLINT EASTWOOD'S BABOON.
IT'S YOUR LOSS, BABE!
DON'T CALL ME "BABE", YOU GREASE MONKEY!
COOL IT! BOTH OF YOU!
MEANWHILE, IN THE COMMUNICATIONS BUNKER OF THE G.I. JOE COMMAND CENTER...
COBRA CENTRAL, THIS IS SONGBIRD... DO YOU READ ME?
THIS IS COBRA CENTRAL! WHAT IS THE CODE-WORD?
THE CODE-WORD IS CHAMELEON!
THAT IS CORRECT! PROCEED WITH MESSAGE. OVER!
INTRUDER MISSION IS NOW AIRBORNE AND WILL ARRIVE IN AFGHANISTAN ON SCHEDULE!
THE TEAM HAS SIX MEMBERS AND IS EQUIPPED WITH TWO VEHICLES!
THEY WILL BE TRAVELLING OVERLAND VIA SMUGGLER ROUTES TO KARACHI...
...ONCE INTO PAKISTAN, THEY WILL BE OFF THEIR GUARD--RESEARCH SHOULD PROVIDE OPTIMUM POINT FOR INTERCEPTION!
THANK YOU, SONGBIRD! THIS IS COBRA CENTRAL, SIGNING OFF!
THIS IS SONGBIRD! SIGNING OFF!

HOURS LATER, HIGH ABOVE THE TOWERING HINDU KUSH MOUNTAINS IN NORTHERN AFGHANISTAN...
RED LIGHT! ON YOUR FEET!
HOOK UP!
CHECK EQUIPMENT!
GREEN LIGHT!
GO!
LOOKS LIKE WE MISSED THE DROP ZONE BY A COUNTRY MILE! NOT A SOUL IN SIGHT!
PLEASE TO GIVE PASSWORD!
REBELS! I THOUGHT THEY WERE ROCKS!
THE PASSWORD--?
QUICKSNATCH! THE COUNTER-PASSWORD--?
GIANT KILLER!
I AM AHMED, CHIEF OF THIS HUMBLE TRIBE! PLEASE TO ACCEPT APOLOGY FOR BEING TOO CAUTIOUS! RUSSIANS ARE VERY TRICKY! THIS MAN-- HE IS YOUR CIA LIAISON...
LOOKS LIKE THESE HIMALAYAN HILLBILLIES REALLY CAUGHT YOU GUYS WITH YOUR PANTS DOWN!

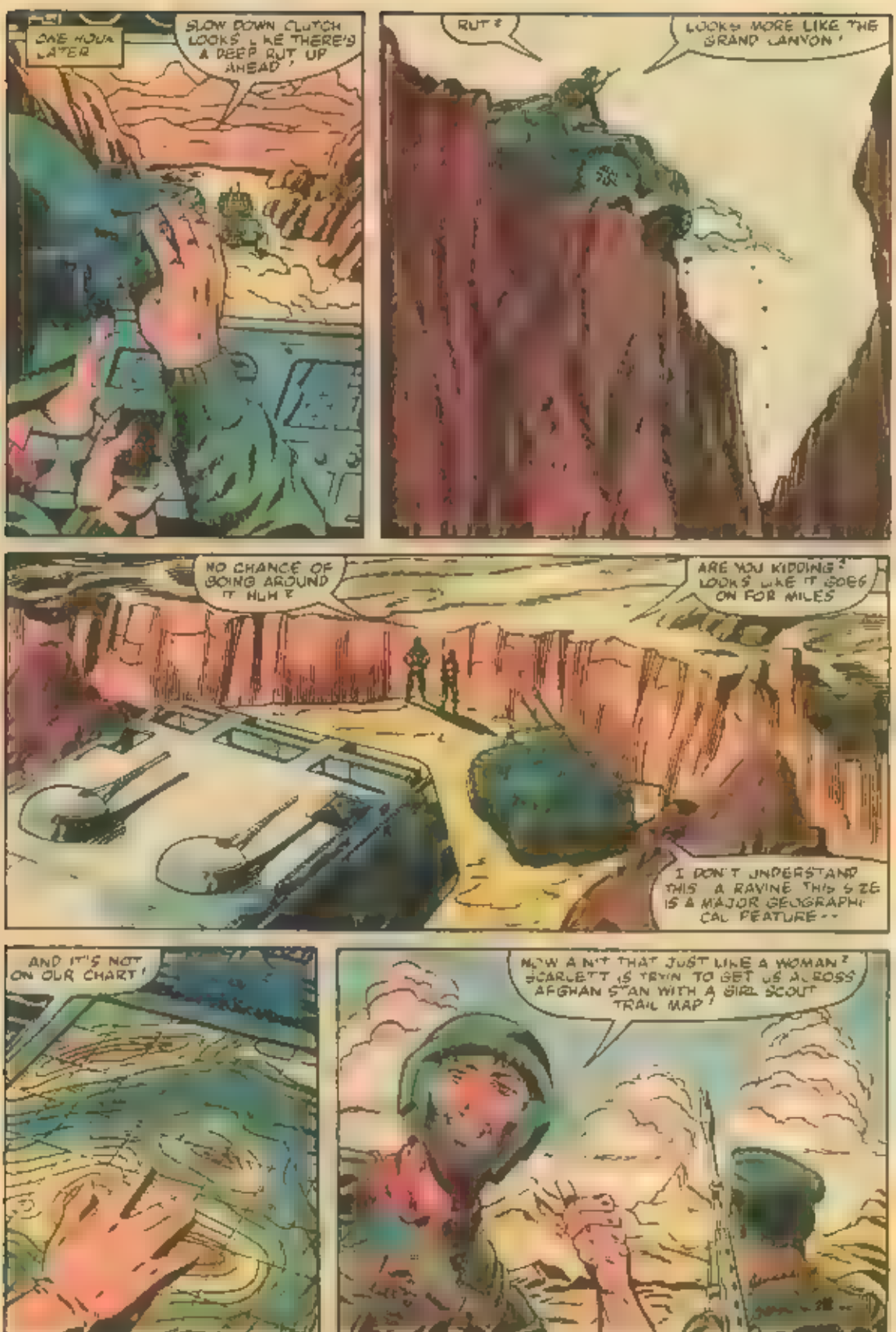
IF THEY'D BEEN THE OCTOBER GUARD, THE TOP RUSSIAN ASSAULT TEAM — YOU'D BE BLIZZARD MEAT RIGHT NOW...
LOOK, YOU TEND TO YOUR BUSINESS AND WE'LL TEND TO OURS! YOU WANNA BE HELPFUL, YOU GIVE A HAND WITH THE CRATES! AND, IF THAT AIN'T EXCITING ENOUGH FOR YOU--
--YOU CAN JUST GRAB A MACHINE-GUN AND JOIN OUR TEAM!
PAY SMALL ATTENTION TO YOUR CIA MAN! WHEN HE ARRIVE, WE SCARE HIM SO BAD HE DROP HIS GUN AND SURRENDER BEFORE HE REMEMBER PASSWORD!
COME, MY FRIEND! LET ME SHOW YOU TO YOUR CARGO! WE HIDE IT GOOD-- IN DEEP MOUNTAIN CAVE!
HERE! WE PACK RUSSIAN PLANE IN CRATE YOUR CIA MAN BRING US! WE WORK HARD TO BRING PLANE HERE! CARRY BY HAND! BUT ALL FOR GOOD CAUSE IF WE CAN HURT RUSSIANS!
RUSSIANS HAVE PLANES AND TANKS! WE HAVE RIFLES AND KNIVES! WE LOSE MANY BROTHERS, BUT STILL WE FIGHT...
WHEN YOU GO BACK AMERICA -- YOU REMEMBER US, HAH? SEND US FEW THOUSAND ANTI-TANK GUNS AND MAYBE SOME GROUND-TO-AIR MISSILES, HAH?
THINK YOU MIGHT SETTLE FOR A COUPLE OF AWACS PLANES?

LATER...
THIS IS OUR ROUGH TERRAIN VEHICLE -- THE AR-TEE-VEE! EACH COMPONENT IS LIGHT ENOUGH TO BE DROPPED BY CHUTE AND CAN BE EASILY LIFTED BY SIX PEOPLE!
THERE'S HARDLY ANY STEEL IN IT -- MOSTLY PLASTIC, ALUMINUM AND FOAM COMPOSITE! LOW IN WEIGHT, BUT HIGH IN STRUCTURAL STRENGTH!
AMAZING!
LET'S SEE HOW LONG IT TAKES TO PUT IT TOGETHER...
"FIVE MINUTES..."
EASY NOW -- SLIDE THIS PIECE OVER!
"TEN MINUTES..."
ONE UNIVERSAL JOINT -- COMIN' RIGHT UP!
"FIFTEEN MINUTES..."
THIS MUST BE THE ECONOMY MODEL -- NO HUBCAPS!
HUB-CAP?
FORGET IT!


"TWENTY-THREE MINUTES--AND READY TO ROLL!"
WHAT'RE WE WAITIN' FOR? LET'S GET THIS SHOW ON THE ROAD!
TAKE IT EASY, STEELER! SCARLETT'S GOT TO GET OUR CARGO LOADED FIRST!
ALIGN THE CRATE WITH THE BACK OF THE CARGO PLATFORM!
STEELER! YOU CAN RAISE THE CRANE NOW!
BREAKER! STAND BY WITH THE ATTACHMENT RING!
LOWER THE CRANE, STEELER!
YO!

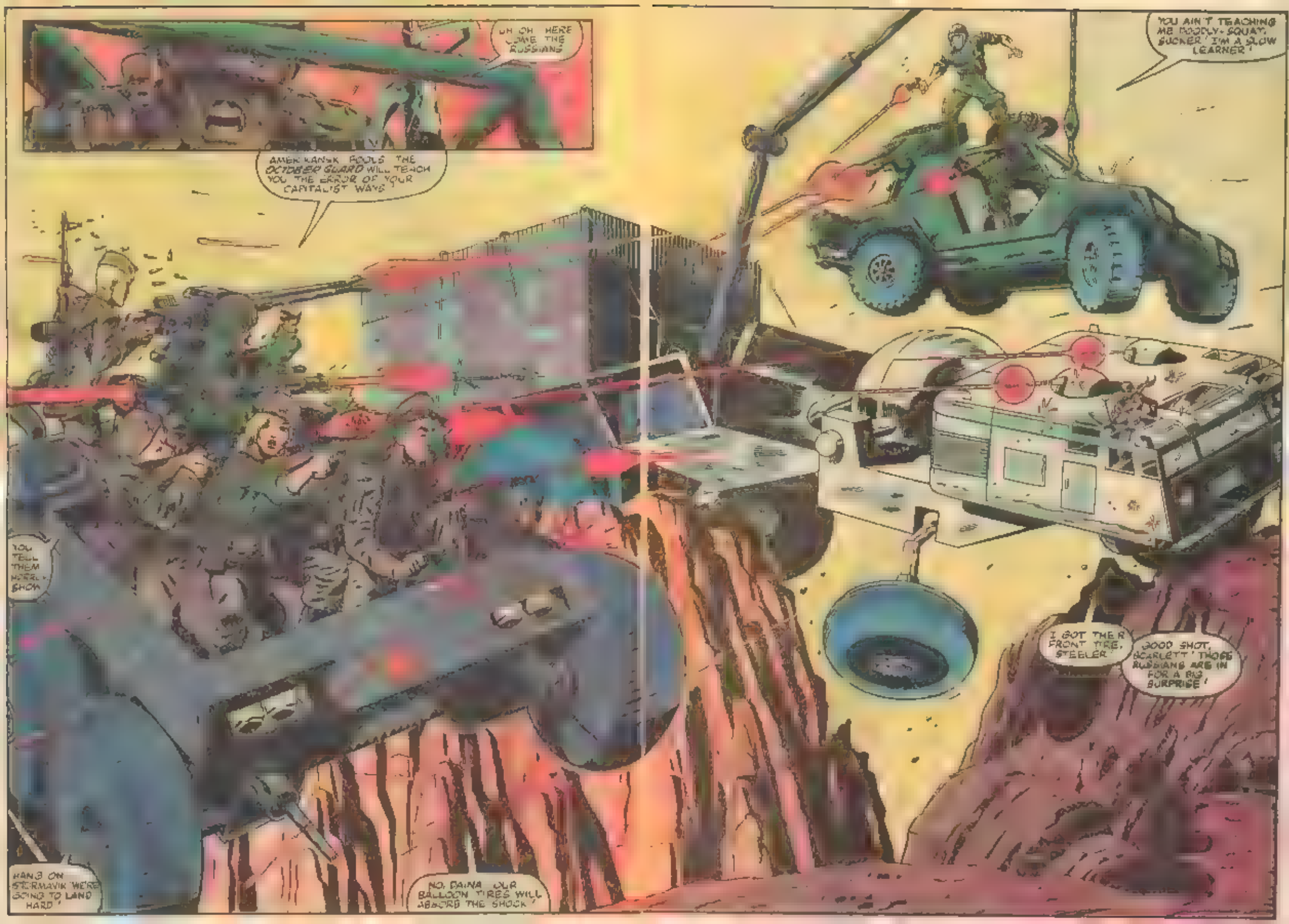
SHORTLY
MY FRIENDS IT IS TIME FOR YOU TO DEPART
FAREWELL 'MAY ALLAH BLIND THE RUSSIANS TO YOUR PASSING'
THANK YOU AHMED I CAN'T PROMISE ANYTHING BUT I'LL DO MY BEST TO SEE THAT YOU GET YOUR ANTI TANK GUNS
--AND YOUR GROUND-TO-AIR MISSILES
I'M SURE YOU WILL MY FRIENDS
STALKER'S JUST A TWO-BIT LINE INFANTRYMAN HE CAN'T PROMISE YOU ANYTHING
HE IS A FIGHTING MAN
SO?
I KNEW YOU WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND
MANY MILES LATER
HOW'S SHE HANDLING STEELER?
NOT BAD SCARLETT A LITTLE SLUGGISH ON ACCELERATION
BUT WE'RE NOT OUT TO WIN THE INDY 500!
IT'S ABOUT TIME FOR A COMMUNICATIONS CHECK
RIGHT YOU ARE

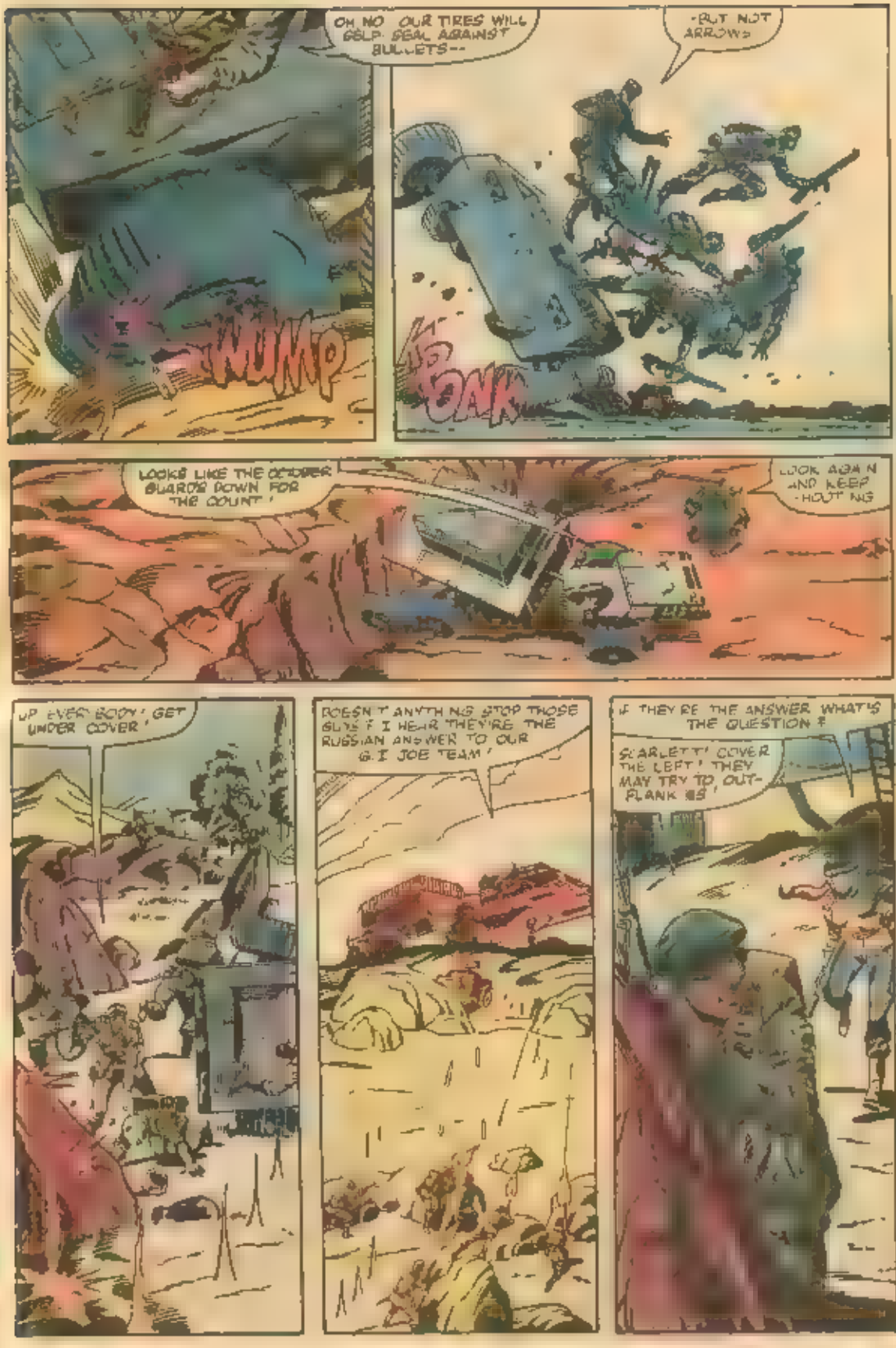
THIS IS STEELER IN THE DRIVER'S SEAT! ALL STATIONS REPORT IN
THIS IS BREAKER MANNING THE COMMUNICATIONS PANEL ALL CHANNELS OPEN AND CLEAR
FLASH HERE AT THE WEAPONS CONTROL STATION ALL TURRETS LOCKED AND LOADED
SCARLETT AT NAVIGATION CONSOLE! DIRECTIONAL BEAMS FUNCTIONING AND MAP READOUTS HOLDING TRUE!
STALKER AND CLUTCH RIDING POINT! NOTHING AHEAD BUT ROCKS
ANY MORE ROCKS
OCTOBER ONE THIS IS OCTOBER TWO.
WE SHALL PROCEED TO OUR PRE DESIGNATED DESTINATION


ONE HOUR LATER
SLOW DOWN CLUTCH LOOKS LIKE THERE'S A DEEP RUT UP AHEAD
RUT?
LOOKS MORE LIKE THE GRAND CANYON!
NO CHANCE OF GOING AROUND IT HUH?
ARE YOU KIDDING? LOOKS LIKE IT GOES ON FOR MILES
I DON'T UNDERSTAND THIS A RAVINE THIS SIZE IS A MAJOR GEOGRAPHICAL FEATURE--
AND IT'S NOT ON OUR CHART!
NOW AIN'T THAT JUST LIKE A WOMAN? SCARLETT IS TRYIN TO GET US ACROSS AFGHANISTAN WITH A GIRL SCOUT TRAIL MAP!

KAPOW!
PWEEEEEE
HEY I WAS JUST K ODIN SCARLETT
EEEEEE
RATATATATATATATATATATATAT!!
THAT'S NOT SCARLETT THAT'S A RUSSIAN AK-47 ASSAULT RIFLE!
SCUSE MY DUST
WHAT'S GOING ON DOWN THERE?
PLINK!
TLINK!
YIP!
FLASH! CAN YOU GET A FIX ON THAT HOSTILE FIRE?
GOT IT STEELER I'M PICKING UP MUZZLE FLASHES ON THE AFT SCANNER--
AND LAYING DOWN FIRE SUPPRESSION WITH MY TOP TURRETS

NO! AMERIKANSKI DOGS! LAY DOWN YOUR ARMS! YOU ARE PINNED DOWN AND CANNOT ESCAPE!
NUTS! GET STEELER ON THE HORN AND TELL HIM TO SHIFT THAT OVER BROWN BEACH-BUGGY INTO ACT ON!
HE HEARD YOU STALKER! THE COMM-UNE'S OPEN!
SORRY GUYS! I CAN'T HELP YOU WITHOUT EXPOSING OUR CARGO TO THEIR FIRE!
-- BUT MAYBE I CAN DRAW THEM OUT INTO THE OPEN!
HOP ABOARD YOUR KAMO AND HANG ON
--AND I DON'T LIKE IT!
COLONEL BREKHOV! THEY ARE ESCAPING ACROSS THE CREVASSE!
WOW! I THINK I KNOW WHAT STEELER HAS IN MIND
JUST KEEP FIRING AND DON'T LOOK DOWN
I'M NOT BLIND! SCHNELL! BRING UP OUR VEHICLE! WE'RE MOVING OUT!

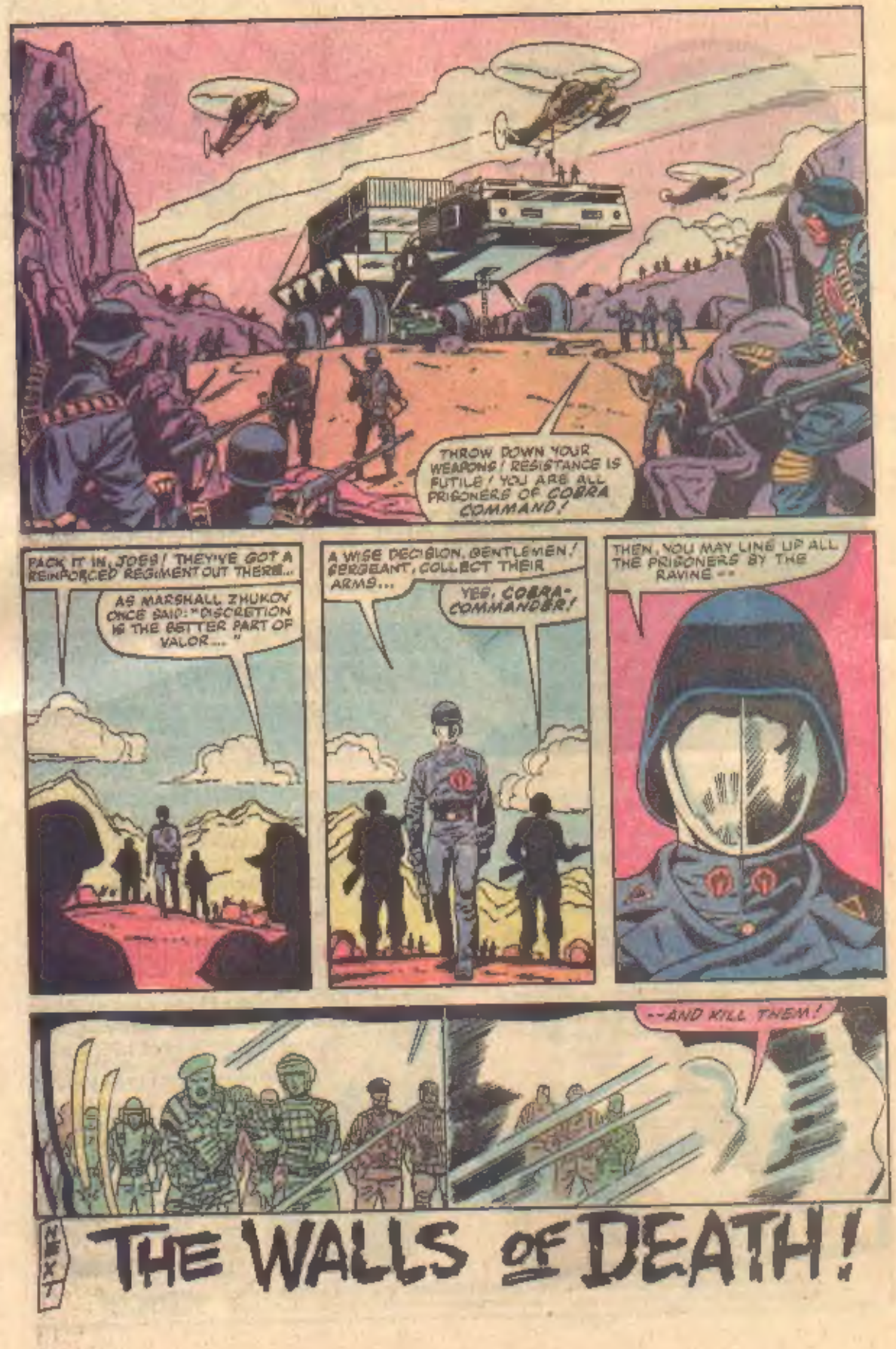

UH OH HERE COME THE RUSSIANS
AMERIKANSK FOOLS THE OCTOBER GUARD WILL TEACH YOU THE ERROR OF YOUR CAPITALIST WAYS
YOU AIN'T TEACHING ME NOODLY-SQUAT, SUCKER! I'M A SLOW LEARNER!
YOU TELL THEM NOEL, SHOW
I GOT THE R FRONT TIRE, STEELER!
GOOD SHOT, SCARLETT! THOSE RUSSIANS ARE IN FOR A BIG SURPRISE!
HANG ON STORMAVIK WE'RE GOING TO LAND HARD!
NO, DAINA OUR BALLOON TIRES WILL ABSORB THE SHOCK!


OH NO! OUR TIRES WILL GULP SEAL AGAINST BULLETS--
-BUT NOT ARROWS
WUMP
BONK
LOOKS LIKE THE OCTOBER GUARDS DOWN FOR THE COUNT!
LOOK AGAIN AND KEEP HOUTING
UP EVERYBODY! GET UNDER COVER!
DOESN'T ANYTHING STOP THOSE GUYS? I HEAR THEY'RE THE RUSSIAN ANSWER TO OUR G.I JOE TEAM!
IF THEY'RE THE ANSWER WHAT'S THE QUESTION?
SCARLETT! COVER THE LEFT! THEY MAY TRY TO OUT-FLANK US!

I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF THIS T S T ME TO PULL AN OLD CHESTNUT OUT OF THE TEXTBOOK!
FLASH STAND BY ALL GUN TURRET CONTROLS
READY TO F RE TEELER
THE TEXTBOOK SAYS
--THE ADVANTAGE IN ANY BATTLE
IS ALWAYS WITH THE SIDE THAT HOLDS—
THE HIGH GROUND!
COLONEL BRENHOV WE RE PINNED DOWN WHAT S OUR PLAN OF ATTACK?
OUR PLAN HORROR SHOW!

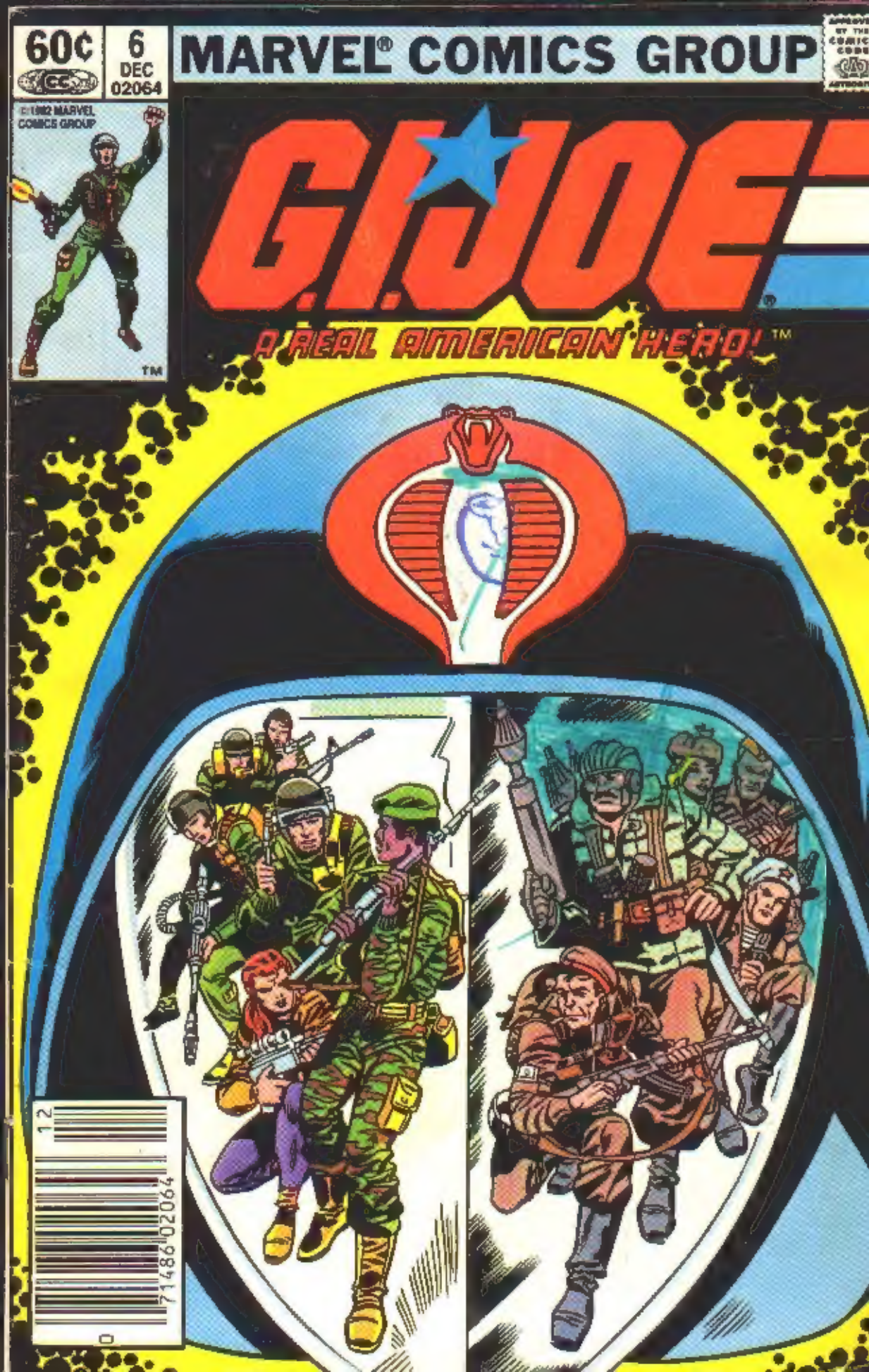
OUR PLAN WILL BE TO DO WHAT WE WERE TRAINED TO DO!
TO DO WHAT MY FATHER DID AT STALINGRAD! WHAT MY GRANDFATHER DID AT THE EASTERN FRONT--
--ATTACK!!!
GET READY, JOES! IT'S GONNA BE HAND TO HAND--
--AND TOOTH AND NAIL!
STORMAVIK TAKES NO PLEASURE IN DEFEATING A WOMAN!
C'MON, YA UGLY LITTLE RUNT! Y'ALL HAVEN'T BEATEN ME YET!

UGLY?!
RIGHT DOWN TO THE BONE--
--AND YA CAN'T FIGHT EITHER!
NEED HELP, HORROR SHOW?
NYET, CAIN! I'M HAVING A WONDERFUL TIME--BUT SCHRAGE, MAYBE HE IS HAVING SOME PROBLEMS!
PIG! YOU ARE BECOMING VERY ANNOYING!
YOU'RE GONNA BE MORE ANNOYED WHEN I PLANT A KNUCKLE SANDWICH IN YER FLAPPIN' YAP!
LOOK! BEHIND YOU, A--
NICE TRY, COLONEL! BUT THAT TRICK'S OLDER THAN YOUR GEORGIAN YOGURT SUCKERS!
NO TRICK! IS THAT YOUR BACK-UP TEAM?
WHA--? NO!
AREN'T THEY RED ARMY REINFORCEMENTS!
NYET!


THROW DOWN YOUR WEAPONS! RESISTANCE IS FUTILE! YOU ARE ALL PRISONERS OF COBRA COMMAND!
PACK IT IN, JOES! THEY'VE GOT A REINFORCED REGIMENT OUT THERE...
AS MARSHALL ZHUKOV ONCE SAID: "DISCRETION IS THE BETTER PART OF VALOR..."
A WISE DECISION, GENTLEMEN! SERGEANT, COLLECT THEIR ARMS...
YES, COBRA-COMMANDER!
THEN, YOU MAY LINE UP ALL THE PRISONERS BY THE RAVINE --
--AND KILL THEM!

NEXT

THE WALLS OF DEATH!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